From: Joel Lerner
To: McGovern, Marc
Subject: Re: City Council Resolution re HP
Date: Friday, April 20, 2018 2:07:33 PM

Dear Mayor McGovern

Thank you for your thoughtful and prompt response.
Much appreciated.

Joel

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On Apr 20, 2018, at 9:43 AM, McGovern, Marc <mmcGovern@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

> Hello Mr. Lerner;
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> Thank you for your email. So, first there is no resolution. MA Against HP shopped a resolution around to various councilors but none agreed to sponsor. So the date of April 23rd was put out there by MA Against HP without knowing for sure that it would appear on the agenda. It is NOT on the agenda for the 23rd and no vote will be taken that night. Of course, it only takes one councilor to agree to sponsor and so an order could be put on the agenda for a future meeting. As far as this being done in secret, in almost every case a councilor does not publicly share their policy orders until they appear on the agenda (items must be filed with the City Clerk by 3 pm on the Thursday prior to the following Monday's meeting). So although I was not going to sponsor the order, I didn't find anything irregular about it not being made public should it have been filed. So, I can't say for sure when or if this issue will come before us. Thank you again for your email.
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> **From:** Joel [mailto:jdlerner@aol.com]
> **Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 9:36 AM
> **To:** McGovern, Marc <mmcGovern@cambridgema.gov>
> **Subject:** City Council Resolution re HP
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> Dear Mr Mayor
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> I am writing with regard to the Council's consideration of a resolution regarding HP, although the true target of this resolution is the nation of Israel.
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> This resolution is part of the anti-Semitic BDS movement. It has NO place in my city. It

stands as a symbol of hate. It hurts efforts to create a peaceful and diverse Middle East.

Singling out the SOLE nation with a Jewish majority, while ignoring worse behavior from most other nations, is anti-Semitic. I do not wish to live in such a community. Reverend Martin Luther King could not have been clearer: “When people criticize Zionists they mean Jews, you are talking anti-Semitism.”

A boycott is most effective and vicious when used against a vulnerable minority. Jim Crow and the boycott of black Americans and the Nazi’s boycott of Jews, are but two infamous examples.

It can be difficult to distinguish between countervailing allegations which rely on simple buzzwords without undertaking to understand the actual facts.

As a Cambridge resident I am particularly concerned about the manner in which this resolution has been raised: in the dark of night rather than an open debate and research. It appears primarily the work of outside interests and does not relate to the governance of our city. The resolution has NOT been made public until the last possible moment! How can this be the work of people interested in fairness and democracy.

I urge you to vote against this resolution and to condemn those who would try to sneak it before you.

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Sent from my iPad